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**Greenville Man Sentenced on Armed Robbery, Possession of a Weapon during the
Commission of a Violent Crime and Carjacking**

Thirteenth Circuit Solicitor Walt Wilkins states that BENJAMIN HARRIS PRESSLEY, age 39, pled guilty on June 3, 2019 to Armed Robbery, Possession of a Weapon during the Commission of a Violent Crime and Carjacking. Pressley was sentenced to sixteen (16) years in the South Carolina Department of Corrections by the Honorable Gravely.

Evidence prepared by Assistant Solicitor Jenna Hendricks established that on February 12, 2018, BENJAMIN HARRIS PRESSLEY concealed merchandise from Walmart and exited the store with the concealed merchandise. Loss prevention officers for Walmart approached Pressley at which point he pulled out a box cutter style knife and threatened to cut the loss prevention officer before fleeing the scene.

On March 25, 2018, Pressley was spotted at Waffle House by law enforcement. Pressley was known to law enforcement and had an active arrest warrant for armed robbery. While law enforcement was waiting for backup, Pressley exited Waffle House and was picked up by a tan Nissan Altima. When law enforcement initiated a traffic stop on the Nissan Altima, the driver stopped the vehicle, engaged the parking brake and put his hands in the air. Pressley then pushed the driver out of the vehicle and fled from police again. Pressley was apprehended by law enforcement six days later on June 1, 2018.